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Celebrate the New “Star Wars” Movie at the Palmdale City Library

PALMDALE – The Palmdale City Library is celebrating the release of the new Star Wars movie, “The Force Awakens,” with a party on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 5 pm at the Library, located at 700 E. Palmdale Blvd.

The Mandalorian Mercs will be there in full equipment, and kids will get to learn how to make Star Wars origami, courtesy of author Chris Alexander, and sketch characters with the help of graphic artist Pepe Melan.

“We’ve got a very impressive lineup of people coming to visit,” said Library Director Thomas Vose. “If you’re a Star Wars fan, this is going to be something to see!”

The Mandalorian Mercs is a worldwide non-profit Star Wars costuming organization comprised of and operated by Star Wars fans and volunteers. It is the elite Mandalorian costuming organization.

Pepe Melan lives in southern California and has worked as a freelance artist since 1987. He describes his style as mix of grit, surrealism, and urban art. Over the years his talent has earned him credit on among other things, the cartoon P.J. Funny Bunny and as a graphic designer for the musical artist Prince.

Chris Alexander is an origami artist and the author of the book *Star Wars Origami*.

The Palmdale City Library is open seven days a week. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm; Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday from 1 to 5 pm.

For more information, please call the Palmdale City Library at 661/267-5600 or TDD 267-5167, or visit [www.cityofpalmdale.org/library](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/library).

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